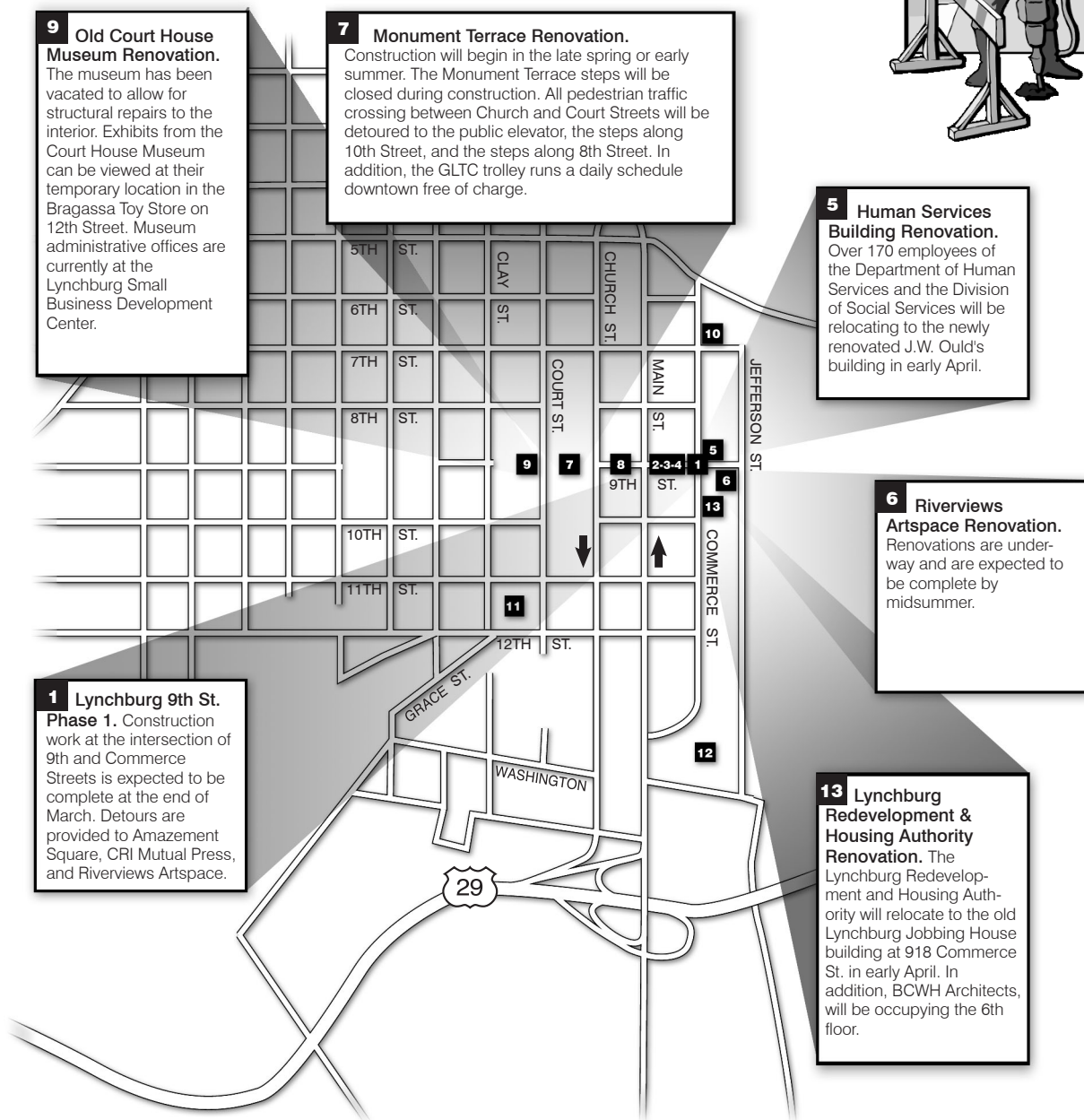




Thirteen Projects Either in Design or Construction Phase

Thirteen downtown construction projects are either in the design or construction phase. Each downtown project is being coordinated through the City of Lynchburg's engineering department.



Current Projects Underway

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| 1 Lynchburg 9th Street Phase I Project | 8 Lynchburg 9th Street Phase II Project |
| 2 AEP UG Duct Relocation | 9 Old Court House Museum Renovation |
| 3 Verizon UG Cable Relocation | 10 Academy of Music Renovation |
| 4 CSO - Commerce Street to Church Street | 11 Federal Courthouse Renovation |
| 5 Human Services Renovation | 12 Bluff Walk |
| 6 Riverviews Artspace Renovation | 13 Lynchburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority Renovation |
| 7 Monument Terrace Steps Renovation | |

Lynchburg Residents Receive Award!

On Monday, February 24, Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., and Vice Mayor Bert Dodson delivered the State of the City Address to an audience of approximately 300 people. The event was also broadcast on Cable Channel 6.

During the event, seven Lynchburg residents received the 2003 Mayor's Award of Excellence for community service. The recipients were Ronald Dolan, Stuart C. Fauber, Thomas J. Gerdy, Delia Hooks, Laura Munson, Becky Porter, and Dr. James H. Taylor.

In his remarks, Mayor Hutcherson said about the award recipients, "All seven share a love of people, a spirit of community, and a desire to improve the human condition."

Following the speech and awards presentation, a reception, "A Taste of Downtown"

was held in the Galleria adjoining City Hall. Eight downtown restaurants provided the food for the reception, free of charge. "A Taste of Downtown" gave event-goers an opportunity to sample food from the participating downtown restaurants. It also gave the restaurants a venue to promote themselves.

"The restaurants did a wonderful job and everyone was immensely pleased," said Mayor Hutcherson. "I encourage everyone to try the restaurants downtown for a great dining experience." The participating restaurants were: Holiday Inn Select Poplar Grille, Asian Café, Cafe 720, Cafe Riverviews, Main Street Eatery, Bull Branch, El Roi International House of Spices, and American Pie Bakery.

Brush and Bulk Pickup Service

One Call Does It All For City Residents!

Just call 856-CITY (2489) for your brush and bulk pickup requests. Phone calls are taken weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. After you call and receive a scheduled brush and bulk pickup date, place your brush and bulk items on the curb in front of your residence. Please place items out the day before your scheduled pickup, since the crew might come as early as 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.

There are certain things you can do to better prepare your brush and bulk items prior to your scheduled pickup. Please keep the following in mind:

- Keep brush and bulk items separate.
- Brush items include twigs and branches (*excluding piles of leaves*).
- Bulk items include furniture, appliances, televisions, etc.
- Place items on the curb in front of your residence. Do not put items near trees or telephone poles.
- Break up brush and bundle it into pieces less than 8 ft. long. Limbs should be no larger than 3 in. diameter.
- Make sure bulk items are not too large (*two people should be able to carry the items*).
- Freon items, such as air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers, are required by law to be kept separate from other

bulk items and are picked up on Wednesdays ONLY.

- Leaves are not eligible for brush and bulk collection. Leaves are picked up for free during designated dates in the fall. If you need to dispose of leaves at other times, just bag and tag them with a 95-cent trash tag.

NOTE: Please call 856-CITY for seasonal leaf pick-up dates.



Let's Talk Trash...

In February 2003, Lynchburg City Council approved a new trash system for Lynchburg residents. The details related to implementation of the new system are not complete. Below are some of the questions citizens have asked since City Council's decision and a presentation of the facts about the new system. Residents will receive additional information once an implementation plan is complete.

Q&A

When will the new trash system start?

The new system is scheduled to begin October 2003.

Why was the decision made to switch to semi-automated collection?

Semi-automated collection is a much more efficient system. Currently, refuse collectors have to lift thousands of pounds a day. This type of repetitive lifting often causes back injuries, which significantly adds to the City's Workman Compensation costs. It has also become difficult to recruit and retain employees to do this type of work. Semi-automation eliminates the need to lift heavy trashcans thus greatly reducing the chance of injury. We believe it will make the job less distasteful and therefore, will enable us to retain employees and improve service quality.

Why the monthly \$5.00 flat fee?

The \$5.00 flat fee will be applied to those services designated for the "common good." Those services include bulk and brush collection, litter and debris, household hazardous waste, the recycling program and a portion of the cost associated with the disposal of residential waste. The \$5.00 per month fee will be added to the water utility bills. All Lynchburg residents will pay this fee. Those that do not receive water utility bills will be identified and billed.

I hear that I will need a special trashcan. How can I get one?

The City will provide each household with a new trash can. The can or cart is designed to be used for semi-automated collection and has wheels for easy maneuverability. Residents will have a choice of two sizes, 32 or 64 gallons. The details are not complete on how the cans will be distributed but preliminary discussions indicate that the cans will be delivered to each residence.

Will the cost of the tags and decals increase?

No, trash tags and decals will not increase in cost, however, the .45 cents tag will be discontinued. A resident choosing to use a 32-gallon trashcan will use either a decal for \$40 or a .95 cents trash tag. Someone choosing to use a 64-gallon trashcan will use either an \$80 decal or a \$1.90 trash tag. City Council will review the program after two years.

I recycle and like to control my cost. Will the new program allow me to do this?

Yes, the new system still encourages recycling and gives residents the opportunity to control costs. If a person only sets out trash once or twice a month, a 32-gallon trashcan should meet his/her needs. This system maintains the philosophy of paying for what you throw. The person setting out less for pick up will pay less than his/her neighbor who sets out more.

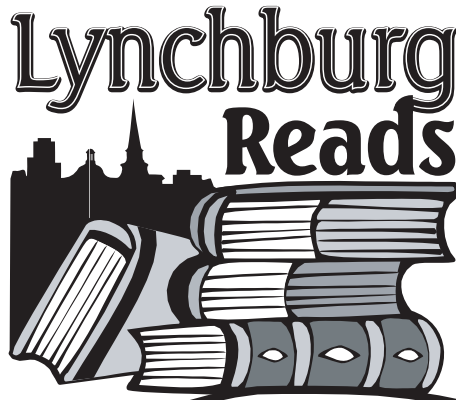
Will everyone have to buy decals or trash tags?

No, City Council has made the decision that residents that qualify for Tax Relief for the Elderly, those on assistance and individuals that live near the Landfill in the Pleasant Valley/Tyreeanna neighborhood will receive one 32-gallon decal free of charge. This decision continues the current policy. These individuals do not receive free trash tags and must pay for any additional decals they may need. They must also pay the \$5.00 monthly flat fee.

Will I still be able to take trash to the Landfill?

Currently, residents are allowed to take up to 1000 lbs. of household waste to the Landfill per month, free of charge. However, beginning July 2003, a resident will be able to take up to 250 lbs. of household waste per month to the Landfill. City Council also made the decision to allow residents to bring an unlimited amount of bulk and brush to the Landfill free of charge. This is a new service.

Public Library's Reading Program for Spring



"This moving and unforgettable memoir needs to be read by people of all colors and faiths."
— Publishers Weekly

"The Color of Water"

Author James McBride tells the remarkable story of his mother, Ruth McBride Jordan, the two good men she married, and the twelve good children she raised. The book is a success story, a testament to one woman's true heart, solid values, and indomitable will. Ruth Jordan battled racism and poverty to raise her children, and despite being sorely tested, never wavered. In telling both her story and his own, McBride addresses racial identity with compassion, insight, and realism. It is, in a word, inspiring.

Sample the Book:

"The Color of Water" is available at both branches of the Lynchburg Public Library and at many area bookstores.

Meet the Author:

March 18	4:00 p.m.	James McBride will sign books at the <i>Macon Bookshop</i> , 2480 Rivermont Avenue.
	7:30 p.m.	McBride will appear at R-MWC in Smith Hall, to speak about his book and perform with his four-piece jazz band. (<i>No Admission Fee</i>)

Book Discussions:

March 12	10:30 a.m.	<i>Bookends</i> , intersection of Rt. 221 and Perrowville Road, Forest
March 13	7:00 p.m.	<i>Givens Books</i> , 2236 Lakeside Drive (please sign up at <i>Givens</i> prior to March 13)
March 15	1:00 p.m.	<i>Barnes & Noble</i> , 4040 Wards Road
March 19	1:00 p.m.	<i>Public Library</i> , Community Room, 2315 Memorial Avenue
March 31	7:00 p.m.	
March 25	2:00 p.m.	<i>Westminster-Canterbury</i> , VES Road

Write Your Own Family Story:

Frances Webb of R-MWC will speak about "Telling Stories: Collecting and Preserving Your Family Folklore" at the *Public Library*

Explore Judaism:

Rabbi Gutherz of Lynchburg's Agudath Shalom Synagogue will speak on "Ten Questions People Ask About Judaism" at the *Public Library*

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